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FEMA Finalizes Pilot Guidance for Tribal Disaster Declarations Process for Stafford Act Disasters

01/10/2017 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the release of its *Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance* and the beginning of the pilot phase of tribal declarations under this new guidance. The pilot guidance describes the process which tribal governments will use to request Stafford Act declarations and the criteria FEMA will use to evaluate direct tribal declaration requests and make recommendations to the President.

<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2017/01/10/fema-finalizes-pilot-guidance-tribal-disaster-declarations-process-stafford>

Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:

- To live on public lands, contact the [Office of Public and Indian Housing \(PIH\)](#).
- To live on a reservation, contact a local [Tribally Designated Housing Entity \(TDHE\)](#).
- Locate your [state housing counseling agency](#) or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the agency nearest you.

Native American Housing Programs

- [Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs \(ONAP\)](#) - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing is available to Native American families.
- [Indian Housing Grant Programs](#)-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.
- [Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#) – provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants.
- Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute): <http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>
- Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New: <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/> .

TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS: ~ Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for current schedule. ~

Training/Conference/Event	Date/Location	Description
DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A TRIBAL RECYCLING PROGRAM (ITEP)	Jan. 24-26 Palm Springs, CA	The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' new course for creating a recycling program from the ground up. Three different tribal professionals will discuss common obstacles, how to build your team, understanding recycling markets, equipment needs, facility design and operations, and give case study examples of different approaches. Attendees will also participate in a variety of small group activities so they can work directly with their fellow tribal professionals, putting into practice what they learn during the lectures. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit TWO different tribal recycling programs: 29 Palms Band of Mission Indians and Morongo Band of Mission Indians to tour their facilities and talk with their staff about how they met various challenges and developed successful approaches to recycling. Course is limited to 20 participants. For more info., and to apply, contact Julie Jurkowski at Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 Albuquerque, NM	HUD's Office of Native American Programs and NAIHC present this FREE training. Project planning includes financing components that use a variety of funding sources. NAHASDA's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program encourages leveraging. The Title VI Loan Guarantee Program can multiply up to 5 times the Need portion of your IHBG Grant and mix the funds with other resources. This comprehensive 2-day class covers all aspects of the Title VI program and Loan Leveraging. Participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about the feasibility of including Title VI/Loan Leveraging options as part of their tribe's future housing development plans. Learn more about Title VI/Loan Leveraging can benefit your tribe's housing development plans. Click here for the course description. Click here for the agenda. REGISTER at: https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventId=1929484
Sovereignty & E-Commerce: <i>Innovating & Reshaping the Borders of Indian Country</i>	Feb. 2-3 Chandler, AZ	Many Native American tribes are pursuing business operated over the Internet, thus relieving some of the physical realities of modern, yet still remote, Indian country. These E-Commerce opportunities have not only created thriving economies, but they have also led to a tangled web of legal issues where state, tribal and federal laws and policies are colliding. The quick growth of E-Commerce in Indian Country has outpaced a general understanding of how Tribal Digital Sovereignty and E-Commerce law is intertwined with federal Indian law especially as it may relate to States' rights. The 2 day conference explores legal issues surrounding the development of E-Commerce in Indian Country .
BIA Mortgage Conference	Feb. 7-8 Spokane, WA	Bureau of Indian Affairs Mortgage Conference. More info at Calendar of Events . Register at : http://hwvalwp4913.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.addRegisterEvent&eventId=2952&update=N



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Leveraging IHBG Resources (HUD/NAIHC)	Feb. 7-8 Denver, CO	FREE Training. An overview of the various funding opportunities (including compliance requirements) available for affordable housing for Tribal projects. Heavy emphasis will be on the Low Income Housing Tax Credits, including how to navigate the application materials and structure a project. The info. learned during the first 1.5 days will culminate into a group project with group presentations. Register at: http://www.cvent.com/events/hud-leveraging-ihbg-resources/event-summary-47d0db03ca6e417e8c0b97b128773e2b.aspx
Managing a Successful Strategic Planning Process (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 8-9 Phoenix, AZ	HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers this FREE Training. This hands-on two-day course is designed to explore how Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) can effectively manage the strategic planning process. Course reviews how Native ancestors traditionally planned throughout the year, and the importance of strategic planning, common hesitations in undertaking the process, and strategies to address these hesitations. Attendees also learn the key components of strategic planning, including confirming the organizational mission, vision, and values; visioning for the future; identifying potential obstacles, and developing goals and objectives. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, practice developing an actual plan to reach a key goal; and outline key next steps to effective strategic planning. Click here for Registration and Event Details
Part 58 Environmental Review Training (HUD)	Feb. 8-10 PHX, San Fran, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Reno	The HUD Region IX Environmental Office will conduct a free three-day training to help HUD grantees, federal, state, and local government staff, "Responsible Entities," and consultants undertaking HUD environmental reviews to gain a better understanding of Federal environmental requirements and procedures. This training is designed to assist those who actually prepare Environmental Review documents under 24 CFR Part 58, as well as those who review and approve such documents. Specific topics to be addressed include the National Environmental Policy Act, sole source aquifers, scenic rivers, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Air Act, wetlands, floodplain management and flood insurance, coastal zone management, endangered species, farmlands, environmental justice, noise abatement, toxic and hazardous substances, other factors and procedural requirements of 24 CFR Part 58, including recommended formats for compliance documentation and an introduction to HUD's Environmental Review Online System (HEROS). The training will be conducted in-person in the Los Angeles and San Francisco HUD conference rooms. The training will be simulcast via video-conferencing to the Phoenix (AZ), Reno (NV), Las Vegas (NV), Honolulu (HI), HUD conference rooms. Register for the event http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2958&update=N
19th Native Diabetes Prevention Conference	Feb. 12-15 Mesa, AZ	The American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma's ongoing conference theme is "Protecting the Generations: A Lifespan Approach to Preventing Diabetes." This conference brings together tribal members from American Indian, Alaska Native, and Canadian First Nations communities, individuals representing academia, tribal health systems, public health, diabetes educators, community health representatives, and more. General Sessions, workshops, and wellness activities will focus on diabetes prevention using a blend of traditional and contemporary strategies. Areas of focus include: diabetes prevention programs, diabetes prevention research, and wellness for diabetes prevention and self-management. For more info., visit https://aii.ou.edu/conference/event/21/
CDC Climate and Health Summit	Feb. 14-16 Atlanta, GA	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in partnership with the American Public Health Association, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the National Indian Health Board , host this Summit. Central theme is "Translation of Science to Practice" showcasing the state of the science on climate and health, adaptation efforts through interagency collaboration, communication and stakeholder engagement strategies, including participation of experts from the research and practitioner communities, leaders of private foundations, and others engaged in broad-ranging climate and health issues. NIHB has partnered to provide perspective from Indian Country and encourages participation from Native communities. To register and/or submit an abstract: Registration . For more info., contact ClimateHealthSummit2017@cdc.gov
Tribal Exchange Network Conference (ITEP)	Feb. 28 –Mar. 1 Alpine, CA	<i>The Tribal Exchange Network Conference provides tribal professionals, and those working with tribes, an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the Exchange Network. Share your experiences and learn from other tribal professionals! For more details, visit www.tribalexchangenetwork.org. Click HERE to submit your registration for the Conference</i> (if you are unable to open the Registration Form, contact ITEP for an alternate copy). A limited number of scholarships are available for tribal attendees to cover eligible travel expenses.
National Reservation Economic Summit (RES)	March 13-16 Las Vegas, NV	For more info., agenda, sponsorship details, and registration, visit http://res.ncaied.org/
Pathways Home Training (HUD/ONAP)	March 20 – 24 Phoenix, AZ	FREE training. Participants will learn about comprehensive homebuyer education programs designed to help educate prospective native homebuyers on how to become successful homeowners. Curriculum is specifically tailored for Native American communities. Participants will also learn the most effective methods to help potential homebuyers determine what is best for them; to build a new home or to buy an existing one. Other areas covered in this curriculum: understanding mortgage loan process, preparing a family budget, improving credit profiles, avoiding predatory lending pitfalls, foreclosure prevention strategies, and home maintenance & personal finances after purchase. Register at: http://www.cvent.com/events/hud-pathways-home/event-summary-e8359c601adb43388a969372c254f973.aspx



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Composting Programs and Tribal Food Security (ITEP)	March 21-23 Tucson, AZ	The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) course will focus on providing strategies for creating and managing successful composting projects as part of your Tribe's overall waste diversion activities. We will also explore the connections between composting programs and tribal food security, and methods for creating partnerships and collaborations that will protect tribal natural resources and address community health and wellbeing. Three different instructors will be providing their expertise through lecture and group activities. During this course we will be touring the San Xavier Co-op Farm and their composting activities. For more info. and to apply, visit (https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste) to fill out the application, and submit to Julie Jurkowski at Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu .
13th Annual American Indian Disability Summit	March 23 Phoenix, AZ	Gathering Native Voices for Youth Empowerment! Mission is to provide interaction, networking, education and support for American Indians with disabilities and their families, and bridging opportunities and resources in rural and urban tribal communities. The annual summit is held to facilitate training, outreach and technical assistance for American Indians with disabilities residing in urban and rural areas. Attendees gain awareness of support services, become empowered and improve their lifestyle by learning strategies to eliminate barriers to service delivery. For more info., visit http://americanindiandisabilitysummit.org/ .
17th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	April 3-5, 2017 Austin, TX	This one-of-a-kind educational conference is free of charge and brings together industry leaders with experienced tribal developers and young professionals to learn and share innovative practices on developing homes and businesses in Native communities. Topics include securing funding for affordable housing developments, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, economic development, the New Markets Tax Credit program, asset management and compliance, architectural design and construction monitoring. These two federal tax credit programs have directly led to more than \$1 billion of new and rehabilitated homes, businesses and services in Indian Country. For more info., contact Eden Rensing at 816-994-8970 or eden@travois.com or visit www.travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information
Foundation in HUD Environmental Review	April 25-27 Denver, CO	The 3-day course provides an understanding of HUD requirements that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related federal environmental authorities dealing with historic properties, floodplain management, contamination/toxics, wetlands protection, noise control, environmental justice, explosive hazards and more. HUD environmental staff provide the training. The course is open to state, tribal, and local government staff, as well as planning agencies, grant administrators, public housing authorities and consultants who prepare NEPA environmental reviews for HUD-assisted projects. The training is suitable as a refresher for experienced practitioners and an in-depth overview for those newly performing such reviews. Space is limited. Attendance is restricted to two (2) people, maximum, per organization. The training is provided without charge. Attendees are responsible for their own costs related to accommodations, transportation, meals and incidentals. For more info., contact Jeremiah Sanders at Jeremiah.j.sanders@hud.gov .
National Tribal Air Association Meeting 2017	May 1-4 Tucson, AZ	A gathering of tribal air quality professionals, EPA and other federal-agency staff & representatives from academia, nonprofits and private industry, sharing information, skills, policy, regulatory initiatives and updates, culture and fun. Optional Training Sessions 5/1 \$50 Registration Fee Scholarship Support Available. For more info, visit: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf

3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
FY17 RFP from Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia for Nonpoint Source Management Grants under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319	Jan. 25	Eligible tribes and intertribal consortia to develop and/or implement watershed-based plans and on-the-ground projects that will result in significant steps towards solving Nonpoint Source (NPS) impairments on a watershed-wide basis. Eligible entities are strongly encouraged to submit proposals that develop and/or implement watershed-based plans designed to protect unimpaired waters and/or restore NPS-impaired waters. Eligible tribes and intertribal consortia may apply for competitive funding by submitting a proposal for up to a maximum budget of \$100,000 of federal CWA section 319 funding (plus the additional required match of the total project cost). To apply: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290459 For more info.: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-11/documents/fy17_tribal319rfp_final.pdf For additional questions contact Steve Epting at (202) 566-1074 or email epting.steve@epa.gov
2017 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program, (U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities)	Feb. 1	\$50,000 - \$300,000 in grant funds to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and watersheds. Goal to be achieved by: Developing funding mechanisms, plans, or other strategies to implement large-scale watershed protection, source water protection, green infrastructure, or related landscape conservation objectives; Building sustainable organizational infrastructure, social support, and long-term funding commitments necessary to implement large-scale protection of healthy watersheds; and · Supporting innovative or catalytic projects that may accelerate funding for or implementation of watershed protection efforts, or broadly advance this field of practice. Tribes and intertribal consortia are eligible applicants. http://www.usendowment.org/healthywatersheds.html



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Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands (Office of Indian Energy)	Feb. 7	Up to \$6 million to install energy efficiency measures and deploy clean energy systems on Indian lands and to help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions. Eligible applicants incl. Indian tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations to: 1. Install energy efficiency measures and clean energy systems on tribal buildings; and/or Deploy clean energy systems on a community-scale. An eligible "Indian Tribe" (including Alaska Native villages) must be federally recognized as listed in Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of an Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization or Inter-Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is provided as part of the application. The intended results of the 50% cost shared projects selected under this FOA are immediate cost savings, reduced energy use, and increased energy security for Indian tribes, Alaskan Native villages, and tribal members. Learn more about the FOA (DE-FOA-0001660) .
Drought Resiliency Projects for FY2017	Feb. 14	Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Drought Resiliency Projects that will increase the reliability of water supply; improve exchange of water; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought. www.usbr.gov/climate/docs/ClimateChangeAdaptationStrategy.pdf . Projects carried out through Drought Resiliency Project Grants, can increase water management flexibility, making our water supply more resilient, which helps to prepare for and address the impacts of drought and climate change. Proposals must demonstrate that the proposed project is supported by an existing drought planning effort. FOA number - BOR-DO-17-F010. For more info. and to apply, visit: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290104 or contact Michael Dieterich at (303) 445-2484 or mdieterich@usbr.gov
Drought Response Program: Drought Contingency Planning Grants for FY2017	Feb. 14	Funding available to states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing Drought Contingency Planning with Reclamation to build resilience to drought in advance of a crisis. Funding may be used to develop a new drought plan or to update an existing drought plan (collectively, Drought Contingency Plans). Applicants may also request technical assistance from Reclamation for the development of elements of the Drought Contingency Plan (Project). FOA number - BOR-DO-17-F009. For more info. Incl. eligibility or to apply, visit http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290122 . For questions, contact Rupal Shah at (303) 445-2442 or rshah@usbr.gov
DHS-FEMA Tribal Grants Available for Community Coordinated Terrorist Attack Preparation	Feb. 14	The Dept. of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency competitive funding opportunity for federally recognized tribal governments to help prepare communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA). Grants are designed to support development of a "whole community" approach by working with surrounding jurisdictions in response to terrorist events. For more info., click here or see Links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTA Program FAQs • CCTA Program Fact Sheet • Program to Prepare for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks
OVM FY17 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence & Stalking	Feb. 16	Funding opportunity number: OVW-2017-11820. The Transitional Housing Program makes grants to programs to provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing, as a result of a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. Program seeks a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. For more info.: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290960 . For additional questions, contact Kara Moller at Ovw.transitionalhousing@usdoj.gov or 202-307-6026
US7830 Tribal Funding Under the Clean Air Act (Region 9) FY 2018	Feb. 20	\$50,000 to \$120,000 in funding available to support tribal air pollution control projects, and to help tribes build the capacity to manage their air quality programs in accordance with their individual needs. Projects may incl. investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, enforcement, and control of ambient and indoor air pollution and climate change. These activities may include: Air quality characterization studies; Identification and investigation of air pollution sources; Air quality monitoring studies; and/or Training and community education and outreach. Eligibility is limited to federally recognized tribal lands located within Region 9 of the funding agency. For more info., including eligibility and applying, visit: https://www3.epa.gov/region9/funding/pdfs/fy18-tribal-caa103-fund-announce.pdf . For questions contact Lauren Maghran: (415) 947-4107 or maghran.lauren@epa.gov
Environmental Work Force Development & Job Training Grant Program (EPA)	Feb. 24	Government entities; Indian Tribes; and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for this EPA program to train unemployed and under-employed residents of communities impacted by a variety of waste facilities, blighted properties, contaminated sites, and other environmental issues, for environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. More at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/17-01.pdf
2017 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation	Feb. 28	The 2017 CTAS grant has been announced. The U.S. Dept. of Justice seeks to provide funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. The program provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive /coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues. https://www.justice.gov/tribal/page/file/913601/download link to the resource page.



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Community Connect Grants (USDA)	March 13	This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. Federally recognized tribes in Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream are eligible. More at https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants
Coastal Resilience Grants Opportunity (NOAA)	March 15	NOAA's integrated Coastal Resilience Grants Program. The estimated \$15 million in funding for this program is based on the FY 2016 appropriated funding level. The Coastal Resilience Grants Program will support efforts to prepare coastal communities and ecosystems to withstand the impacts of extreme weather and climate-related hazards and make our Nation safer and economy more secure. Eligible funding applicants include nonprofit organizations, private (for profit) entities, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, and local, state, and tribal governments. Each proposal may request between \$100,000 to \$2 million in federal funds. Additional info. at: https://www.coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/
American Indian/Alaska Native Health Equity Initiative (HHS)	Applications due April 3; webinars on Feb. 8 & 23	Announcement #: MP-AIA-17-001. Opportunity Title: American Indian/Alaska Native Health Equity Initiative (AI/AN Health Equity Initiative) . Estm. Funding Level: \$2 million per budget period. The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the US Dept. of Health and Human Services FY2017 grant funds to support tailoring or developing, and implementing, of evidence-based models and/or promising practices to help address trauma (historical and generational) existing in AI/AN communities through innovative programs. Learn more about this FOA and how to apply. Technical assistance webinars: Feb. 8, 2017 at 3:00-4:00 pm ET. Register here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1248024142376826115 . An additional technical assistance webinar on "Evaluation – Review the Basics" on Feb. 23, 2017 at 3:00-4:30 pm ET. Register here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4463287512730060547
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	- Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm
USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS	Open	USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Eligible Applicants: state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. How to Apply: apply now by using the online application tool RDApply .
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)	Open	Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems and other facilities that serve rural communities. RCAC's loan programs provide the early funds small rural communities need to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, and intermediate & long-term loans for system improvements. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments. ELIGIBLE AREA: Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste & storm water facilities. For more info., contact Mike Carroll at mcarroll@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)	Open	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group • Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives • A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .
Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees (USDA)	Open	The Rural Broadband Access Loan & Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Rural Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs

4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov • Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov/government-services-and-programs-for-native-americans)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArRPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

- Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>
- All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccz.org
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California <http://www.aicccal.org>
- Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) <http://www.swtha.org/>
- Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nev-cal.org

FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- **USDA** Rural Development <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- **Department of Interior** Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- **Indian Health Service** (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
 - IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- **Department of Treasury CDFI Fund** <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- **US Department of Commerce - MDBA** (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
 - Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. Small Business Administration (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- **OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory** www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) –
 - Disaster Preparedness & Recovery <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#>
 - FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration - Public website www.socialsecurity.gov



- SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aian/>
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21
- Veterans Administration: Native American Direct Loan Program: <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp>
VA Office of Tribal Government Relations <http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/>

5. BITS & PIECES: Tribal News

INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES: The [Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange \(SCWIE\)](#) is a group of public and non-profit water funding and technical assistance officials created under the auspices of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities and is used to network/communicate with peers from other states.

The **Grants.Gov** website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. For complete list of grant opportunities, visit: [http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20\(Federally%20recognized\)](http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20(Federally%20recognized))

NATIVE LEARNING CENTER (KERRETTV) OFFERS FREE TUITION FREE LIVE WEBINARS:

For a listing of upcoming webinars, visit <http://nativelearningcenter.com/trainings/>

- Jan. 24 – Native CDFI Bootcamp <http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/native-cdfi-bootcamp/>
- Jan. 31 – Effective Practices for Writing an Indian Community Development Block Grant <http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/effective-practices-for-writing-an-indian-community-development-block-grant-icdbg/>
- Feb. 6-7 - **Grant Writing** - Introduction to Writing Effective Grant Proposals
- Feb. 8-9 -**Grants Management** - Updates on the federal grant management requirements with the implementation of the new Super Circular 2 CRF Part 200

Register/more details at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/training-for-grant-writing-and-grants-management-tickets-30556053980> :

ONAP OFFERS FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING: HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers **FREE Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities** for a wide variety of tribal housing and related issues. To request specialized Technical Assistance and/or Training from SWONAP, contact Debbie Broermann at deborah.s.broermann@hud.gov or David Southerland at David.W.Southerland@hud.gov.

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